GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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BASIC FACILITIES TO GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the panchayats in the country have basic infrastructure facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the panchayats located in Orissa;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide basic infrastructure facilities to the Panchayats?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Provision for basic infrastructure for all the Panchayats is required to be made by the State Governments. Ministry of Panchayati Raj do not maintain the information in this regard at the Central level.

(d): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj supplements the efforts of the States Governments in providing the assistance for infrastructure development under Infrastrucrure Development Component of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana for construction/upgradation of the Panchayat Ghars. During 2006-07 Ministry of Panchayati Raj had provided an amount of Rs. 10.50 crore and during 2007-08, an amount of Rs. 16.22 crores for construction/maintenance/upgradation under this Scheme. Under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Scheme, an amount of Rs 250.00 crore per annum (@Rs1.00crore per district) is earmarked for capability building of Panchayats with a provision of providing sufficient office infrastructure, including office buildings wherever required and connectivity to these offices through roads, telephones, power supply and e-connectivity.